PULPIT TOMORROW

VACATION IN VIRGINIA

WILL OCCUPY LOCAL -

CALL TO PRAYER ISSUED FOR

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer Asks Laymen to Prepare for Big Effort of Fall-Opening to Be Held in October

GERMAN EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA APPROACHING DIAMOND JUBILEE

General Observance of Event to Be Held in Churches of Organization During Fall Following the Anniversary . Date, October 15-Special Offering to Be \$150,000.



Frivolity-Its Dangers and the Remedies.-Eccl., 2:1-13.

Time is earnest, passing by: Death is earnest, drawing nigh. Sinner, wilt thou triding be? Time and death appeal to thee. Life is earnest; when 'tis o'er Thou returnest nevermore. Soon to meet eternity, Wilt thou never serious be?

Perhaps it is true there are none who are never serious.



when serious it is—upon all the sorrow and suffer-thoughts arise. Ing that is in the world and know

They do not realize that Life is real, life is earnest.

And the grave is not its goal.

Dust thou art, to dust returneth,

Was not spoken of the soul.

With some measure of reason they might say, "Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die and pass into endless oblivion."

Yet if this were true, a frivolous life here would be less noble, less satisfying, less happy than a sober and industrious one.

in this world experienced by who devote their time simply to what they call "having a good time."

Vanity of Pleasure.

The pleasures of frivolity, such as they are, only gratify the lower capacities of human nature, and deaden the

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LEADER IN BAPTIST



ROSH HASHANAH COMES

Day of Atonement, to Be Observed in Local Temples.

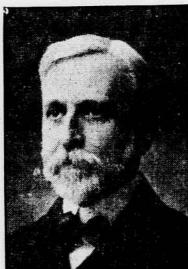
Rosh Hashanah, or the Jewish New of Washington September 9, it marking the beginning of the five thousand six hundred and seventy-sixth year since the creation of the earth. It is one of the most important days of the Hebrew calendar.

Following it ten days later, Septem-per 19, comes Yom Kippur, or the Jew-sh day of atonement. Special services are now being ar-anged for the various Hebrew temples

ment.

"Before one can realize the need of atonement," it is pointed out, "It is necessary that he become conscious of his shortcomings; for so long as we imagine ourselves whole, it may never occur to us that we need a physician; so long as we do not admit our sinfulness, we shall hardly feel the need of being forgiven."

PLANS TO PREACH IN



REV. H. S. FRANCE,

life's tremendous issues there is no room for frivolity-no time for trifling matters.

means.
Religion rules frivolity out of the heart and life, but it does not rule out any innocent pleasure. It commands men to rejoice always. Frivol-

True Enjoyment. God is a God of gladness. He commands men to enjoy as frequently as He commands them to obey. He gave to men an exquisite sensibility for

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF SISTER FIDELIS TO BE OBSERVED MONDAY

Has Been Stationed at Georgetown Convent for Half Century of Teaching Service, and Chosen Superior at Four Elections.

An event of unusual interest will be celebrated in Georgetown Convent Monday to mark the golden jubitee of Sister Mary Fidelis McMenamen. The observance of the anniversary will begin with a solemn high mass at 3 o'clock a.m., celebrated in the convent chapel, to which all the prominent Roman Catholic clergy in the city have been invited.

The sermon will be preached by Rev. Edward I. Devitt, S. J., archivist or Georgetown University. The chapel will be beautifully decorated in honor of the event, and a special musical program will be rendered during the service.

Sister Fidelis was born in Philadelphia, and during the fifty years of her station at Georgetown Convent was chosen superior of the institution at four different elections.

An unusually gifted and brilliant scholar in the deep, sure, thorough sense of "the old school." It is declared, she has taught the senior class at the provided out, the logical as well as the spiritual reasons for right and wrong, and they are able to discern "in the decadence of the home, which she so deplores, the inevitable result of self-will and self-indulgence."

The many anniversary gifts and congratulatory letters and telegrams received by Sister Fidelis testify, it is asserted, in a small measure to the regard in which she is held in this community and elsewhere.

The fleeting years have but touched her gently, and her friends say they hope that they may one day have the privilege of celebrating her diamond jubilee.

CHURCH UNITY ADVOCATES WATCH PROGRESS OF CANADIAN EFFORTS RETURNS FROM SUMMER

Methodists and Congregationalists of Dominion Plan United Church of Canada-Presbyterians Considering Joining Them.

Advocates of church unity in the United States are watching with keen interest the progress of unity plans in the Dominion of Canada. These plans are more radical than any yet attempted, even in Australia and South Africa.

The bodies involved are the Methodist, the Congregational and the Presbyterian. If union be effected it means an end, to all three bodies, and the question whether hundreds of thousands of Christians respectively will decide to put their religious bodies out of existence presents something new in church management.

Methodists and Congregationalists have definitely committed themselves

Pull Your Own Weight.

entleman who lately held our Uncle Samuel's biggest job. And the meaning of it is clear. The ship of life is built like a Roman trireme, in which each one who rides must tug at an oar. We are ot to travel as idle passengers.

eant that each of us ought to put into ment that finds a response with earnest people everywhere. We are ambitious to do as much as that, surely. We would ot wish to be simply burdens on society. In describing a class of idlers, good old saac Watts once wrote some lines that

Into the world to eat and sleep, And know no reason why we are born, And leave behind an empty dish. And if our tombstones, when we die, Be not taught to flatter and to lie. There is nothing better can be said

good in the world. His job is medium nobler conception of our toil that gives through which he makes his contribution to humanity. It used to be thought that ranks of labor" in very truth the "regiment of God."—The Church Courier.

REV. EARLE WILFLEY,

But yet in love He sought me. And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days.
Thy goodness faileth never.

Thy goodness faileth never: lood Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever.

Among all the hundreds of versions Sir Henry W. Baker, will probably be accepted by most critics as the most beautiful, for it preserves in a re-

beautiful, for it preserves in a remarkable way the exquisite tenderness of spirit of the original.

The author was the son of Admiral Sir Henry L. Baker, one of Lord Nelson's commanders, and was born in England in 1821. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and in 1851 succeeded to the baronetcy. In the same year he became vicar of the Anglican Church at Monkland, Hertfordshire, and he retained this post until his death in 1877. As he lay dying he was heard to whisper the opening line of the third verse of this hymn: "Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed."

A Song of Life's Reward.

O mother, dear, Jerusalem! When shall I come to thee? When shall II come to thee? When shall In sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see? O happy harbor of God's saints! O sweet and pleasant soil! In thee no sorrow shall be found, No grief, no care, no toll.

Many are the hymns of the life to b

A Song From Life's Eventide. Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide, The darkness deepens-Lord, with me abide! When other belpers fall and comforts fee, Help of the helpiess, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day: Earth's jors grow dim, its glories pass awa Change and decay in all around I see: O Thou, who changest not, abide with me.

EPWORTH LEAGUES TO MAKE FALL PLANS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

Meeting of Washington District Board of Control to Be Held at Chevy Chase Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Washington District Epworth been active from the start along all League board of control meeting will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase, Md., Shepard street and Sonnecticut avenue, Wednesday evening, when representatives of the church the year round, a special welcome being extended to all.

day evening, when representatives of the thirty-nine Epworth League chapters in the Washington district of the Methodist Church will formulate plans for their fall and winter activities.

Chartered but three years ago, the Epworth League at Chevy Chase prides itself in possessing one of the best organized chapters in the district and has

BIBLE CONFERENCE AT SAN FRANCISCO **EXPOSITION PROVES MARKED SUCCESS**

Has Called Attention of Country to Bible Translation and Circulation Throughout the World. Billy Sunday One of Speakers.

The recent Bible congress at the Panama exposition, San Francisco, was a marked success, and has called the attention of the country to Bible translation and circulation throughout the world, and pointed forward to next May's observances celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the American Bible Society.

Interesting from a missionary and international point of view was the public ceremony of handing over to the Japanese Christians and their friends a copy of the Scriptures in English, prepared by the American Bible Society for presentation to the Emperor of Japan on the occasion of his approaching coronation.

hundredth anniversary of the founding of the American Bible Society.

The greatest rally of the congress took place in "the court of the universe," the center of the exposition, and declared a fit place for exalting the Bible as the center of human life and progress.

Fifteen or twenty thousand people attended this great Bible rally, held on a week-day afternoon. Its primary purpose was the presentation of a bronze placque by the exposition to the congress. Rev. William A. Sunday preaching coronation. The mikado has consented to receive it, and it is understood that the Japanese Christians in Japan will present at the same time a copy of the Bible printed in Japanese. The war interfered not a little with the program of this Bible congress, speakers being unable to cross the ocean. There were greetings from the British and Foreign, French, German and other Bible societies, and papers by the Patriarch of Constantinople and his sishops; Dr. Kuyper, formerly prime minister and now a senator of Holland; Prof. Jean de Visme of the Reformed Church of France and others.

Bible development in Europe, Asia and in America was brilliantly presented.

Why I Attend Church.

Own Weight.

REV. EARLE WILPLEY.
Pastor of Vermont Avenue Christian
Church, who speat part of his vacation
on his farm at Petersburg. Va. He will
comply his public tomorrow.

Than that he's eat up all his bread.
Drank up his drink and gone to bed.
If there were enough parasites of this
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this they would bankrupt the world.
In contrast to all this there is something rather fine in the sight of a prosaic
liaborer going home at nightfall, swinging
his dinner pull and with the marks of toil
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existence as a productive member of socitely; he has been pulling his own weight.
My friend, can you make a pair of
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good dinner. If you can do any of these
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whose theme is the destiny of man, and it is better for man, if the he and whose words are the oracles of is baseless and the vision but fate. Marvelous is the spell of the preacher to whom God has given genius and consecration and the power of illustration drawn from the old, sacred, immortal Book, and from the

Notes of the City's Churches.

Fifteen representatives of the Christian Endeavor Union gave a luncheon in honor of Mr. Karl Lehmann, interstate field secretary, Thursday evening. Following the luncheon Mr. Lehmann was the principal speaker at a Christian Endeavor mass meeting held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

A number of Endeavorers accompanied Mr. Lehmann and business. A spiritual retreat enables one to find out what one is making or can make out of life, and

nied Mr. Lehmann to the Union station after the mass meeting. While waiting for the train the delegation formed a circle around the secretary and all joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

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Leaders in the work for the retreat for Roman Catholic laywomen of Washington, to be held at Immaculata Seminary, Tenleytown, from September 7 to September 11, today made the following announcement:

"These retreats have recently become very popular for people in every station." nied Mr. Lehmann to the Union station is making or can make out of

gives a perfect expression to this feel-ing of peace amid the long, cool shad-ows of the evening, especially in these last two verses.

The annual field day outing of the Christian Endeavor Union will be held at the Baptist Church, Falls Church, Va., on Labor day.

A program of athletic events for the

Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me.
I need Thy presence every passing hour,
What but Thy grace can foll the tempter's
power?
Who like Thyseif, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
Memories at once sad and uplifting cluster about the writing of this tender hymn. It was written by a man who knew that he was within life's eventide and had given his farewell to those to whom he had ministered for.

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I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ils have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

In the Young Men's Christian Association gospel team, which has been conducting evangelistic services at Fort Myer Heights Sunday evenings during August, will conclude their series tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

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COMING MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

and Continue for Six Months.

In preparation for the great missionary campaign which is being planned for this fall and winter by the laymen's missionary movement, Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer of New York city. Pr. Robert E. Speer of New York city. Evertain Church, has just issued a call to prayer to all the members of the evangelical churches of the United States. The campaign will open in October, and during the six months following 100 great conventions are to be held in as many cities of the country, the campaign culminating in a Nature of the plant of the speakers. That all leaders and speakers may be chosen of God and empowered for their work. For the delegates: That a multitude of men may be reached by the campaign and inspired to spread its message and methods throughout the territory of each convention. For the churches: That there may be a quickened sense of responsibility in all the churches, that their latent spiritual energies may be chosen of God and empowered for their work.

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lowing 100 great conventions are to be held in as many cities of the country, the campaign cuiminating in a National Missionary Congress. All who are interested in the success of this great movement are urged to pray for the following specific causes:

For the whole undertaking: That the national missionary campaign may be carried through in such obedience to the will of God and such dependence on the Holy Spirit that the power of God may be released afresh upon America in order that our country may in turn enrich the life of the world.

For the mission boards: That they may be led to participate in the campaign in the most effective way and that their work may be greatly strengthened and enlarged.

For the convention cities: That the cities where the conventions are held may be deeply moved; that convention and other committees may do their work faithfully; that executive secretaries and all other workers may be

On the approaching October 15 three quarters of a century will have elapsed since the organization of the German Evangelical Synod of North America. The general conference meets only every four years, its next meeting coming in 1917, in Pittsburgh, the president being Rev. John Baltzer of St. Louis, but extensive preparations are now being made for a general observation of the jubilee in all churches this fall, and a jubilee offering of \$150,000 is being raised for educational extension.

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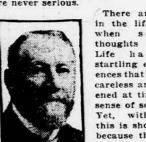
Taking the Prussian Union idea, they made the first attempt to realize in practice the ideal of Christian union set up in Germany by King Frederick William III of Prussia on the third centenary of the German reformation, by adopting the standards of both Lutheran and Reformed churches, in so far as they agree.

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TOPIC:



Those who think that the grave ends all—that the soul is not immortal, have a shadow of excuse for living a frivolous life.

With some measure of reason they might say, "Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die and pass into endless oblivion."

Yet if this were true, a frivolous life.

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trious one.

A life devoted to grave and important matters of the present life alone has decided advantages over the life that is "interested especially in trifling matters" which is the dictionary definition of a "frivolous" life.

There is no real success, no real hap-

higher sensibilities in which happi-

what is counted as pleasure, which has no more claim to the name than the delirium of fever. It may thrill and exhilarate for a little season, but soon it scorches and wastes like fire.

That this is true is demonstrated by universal experience and attested by our own consciousness; and it is de-

of time, but that in the indulgence of

frivolity they inevitably cloud vision of the true meaning of life.

Having a Good Time. A true appreciation of what life means-what obligations it imposes for services to others-is the remedy of frivolity. in the life of all How can one who looks upon life as

Heaviness of Mirth. A joyeus life is not found in its frivolous hours-in sinful mirth. The joke, the jest, the laugh at the social board as the wine goes around are often a veil to conceal sorrow in the heart underneath may be sad memories of the past and gloomy fore-bodings of the future. The most wretched frequently show the greatest

Much that is gay, jovial and spar-kling in the circles of frivolity is but a cloak to hide a sorrowful heart. Fool's Laughter.

Solomon tells us that "even laughter in the heart is sorrowful, and the end He is referring to the mirth of mere frivolity. Laughter is not sinful or

delirium of fever. It may thrill and exhibitante for a little season, but soon it scorrches and wastes like fire.

That this is true is demonstrated by universal experience and attested by our own consciousness; and it is declared with force and frequency in the word of God.

If the pleasures of frivolity are of no real value to those who take account of this world only, how greatly should they be shunned by those who look upon this life as a probation period in which to work out a higher and endless destiny!

Yet many professed Christians give much of their time to frivolous matters and thus waste the brief period allotted them for attention to the weightier matters of life.

Their danger is not alone in waste.

The many throat outward, or at least produce some shifting, husky cachination, as if they were laughing through wool. Of none such come good. The many who cannot laugh is not only fit for treason, stratagems and spoils, but his own life is already a treason and a strategem."

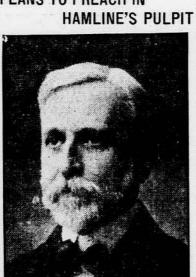
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WORK PASSES AWAY



ON SEPTEMBER 9

of the city to mark the anniversaries. The significance of Rosh Hashanah, it s explained, comes from the fact that it s but the introduction to the day of atone-



Life has such startling experiences that the most careless are awakened at times to a sense of soberness. Yet, with many this is short lived, because they have no true conception of life's meaning. Ze that considered the soul. The conception of life's meaning. Ze that the conception of life's meaning. The conception of what life is a life calls it. elsewhere. "the laughter of one who had not a right understanding or appreciation of what life is. He calls it. elsewhere. "the laughter of one who had not a right understanding or appreciation of what life is. He calls it. elsewhere. "the laughter of one who had not a right understanding or appreciation of what life is. He calls it. elsewhere. "the laughter of one who had not a right understanding or appreciation of what life is. He calls it. elsewhere. "the laughter of the fool." The call it. He calls it. He ca

There ought not to be frivolity in the life of the Christian. In the midst of

ity does not mean gladness, it means

And Him evermore I behold
Walking in the midst of the world.
Through the corndeld's waving gold,
In hamlet, in wood and in wold
By the shores of the beautiful sea,
He touches the sightless eyes;
Before Him the demons flee
To the dead He saith. "Arise,"
To the living, "Fellow me."
And that voice still soundeth one
From the centuries that are gone
To the centuries that shall be,

I Desire a League, Offensive and Defensive, With Every Soldier of Jesus Christ. JOHN WESLEY.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DISCUSSION.

By Robert D. Burbank. An Evening With Favorite Hymns. we find a speaker or author giving ex-pression to a thought that seems to have been lying dormant in our own

Moses all down through the Old Testa-

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era this development has kept pace with the development of spiritual life, and the splendid hymns relopment of spiritual life, and the splendid hymns claimed as a heritage by Methoclaimed as a her-itage by Metho-

"Be troubled, ye careless ones." How many there are who are care-less, inattentive, indifferent, unconcerned and heedless of the transcendent concerns that time has to deal with They may be very attentive and heedful concerning the pleasures and projects concerning the pleasures and projects of their rapidly passing years, but careless concerning the highest duties and privileges of their lives.

Men do not like to be troubled. The misgivings and dread of guilt they try to shut out from the mind. They strive to silence the voice of conscience. Yet if they are not troubled they will continue in their course of careless frivolity.

The sovereign remedy for the careless ones is in looking to Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life and in being able from the heart to say:

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the experiences and desires of the we are not here to play, to dream, to drift; soul; and in the New Testament Shun not the struggle, face it, 'its God's gift'.

matters.

By frivolity we mean the failure to take life seriously.

I do not mean to say by any means that there is no room or time for recreation. I believe that play, laughter and merriment, games and exercise are right and necessary for life's best development. In these things frivolity has no necessary standing. In occasions we do not exclude any and all occasions we do not exclude any endownent. It does not belong anywhere in the game of life.

It is only when we are conscious that the pleasures in which we indulge are approved of God and bring no reproach upon our manhood and womanhood that we can know what enjoyment.

The Careless Ones.

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The hymns of today are, however, the same as the Psalms of David in one response of the ham this one. The whole hymn sets from time immemorial.

The scriptures are full of exhortations to "Be strong," The angel said to Daniel, "Peace be unit of the material conception of heaven that the law and good-law in the same as the Psalms of David in one response to unit of the present of the short than the long and with "gardens and good-law in the soul that are common to all. How often the hymns of the present of the chortation that he learn to the chortation of the presence of the s dism constitute the truest and most While this hymn is pre-eminently a

And Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."

The recognition of the presence of the struggle in the life of every man, and acceptance of it as the gift of God for the soul's development: the need of vigorous action instead of acquiescence with present evil conditions, and the assurance of ultimate victory for righteousness, are expressions of truth so universal in application that this hymn deserves to be the favorie that it is among Christians.

The author of this hymn, Maltble Dwight Babcock was born in 1858, in Syracuse, N. Y., and died in 1901. He

A Song of Life's Pathway. The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness falleth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living waters flow My ransomed soul He leadeth, And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed;

Fifteen representatives of the Chris- may not understand the meaning of a

life.

"The retreatants who are unable to remain overnight may attend the exercises of the retreat only during the day—i. e., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:39 p.m.

"Applications should be made by September 1, and further information may be obtained from Miss Winifred M. Costigan, 1423 Girard street north-

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The retreat will be conducted by Rev. Owen A. Hill, S. J., professor of philosophy in Fordham University, N. Y., a former Washingtonian and student of Gonzaga College.

For the information of those who the song, precious in the religious experience of millions.

The author, thenry Francis Lyte, was born in Scotland in 1793, but spent most to his life in England. He was the rector of an Anglican church in Devonishire, and after being stricken with tuberculosis carried on the duties of his parish until his strength gave out. After some time he announced his intention to preach again, and against the advice of his family, did so. The same night he gave to a relative this words, and soon afterward died. The music to which he had set his hymn has become a favorite all over the English-speaking world.

When we read carefully the words of this hymn we easily see why it is such a universal favorite. Humanity needs lits soothing messages for the quiet hour, as well as its bugle call for the hour of conflict. "Ablde With Mergives a perfect expression to this feel-ing of peace amid the long, cool shadows of the evening, especially in these of the continued through the month of September. Special music will be onto Mr. C. M. Greist.

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